



**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/926,003
Filing Date*	August 13, 2001
First Named Inventor	YAMAOKA et al.
Group Art Unit	1725
Examiner Name	M. Elve
Attorney Docket No.	YAMA3001/REF

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** \* Filing date must be on or after June 8, 1995; but if before May 29, 2000, then consider a CPA.

1. Please consider the following as the required submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:
  - a. The Amendment/Reply filed on (date): August 22, 2003
  - b. The Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on (date):
  - c. The arguments in the Brief/Reply Brief filed on (date):
  - d. The \_\_\_ page(s) of Form PTO-1449 and copy of each listed document filed (date):
  - e. Other:
2. A Two month Petition for Extension of Time is filed herewith.
3. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment and charge any deficiency in any fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and/or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.
4. A check in the amount of \$1,150.00 is submitted herewith.
5. This Request is transmitted by facsimile to number (703) \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Other:

THE RCE FEE IS CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:					Basic Fee:	\$740.00
Total Claims:	13	-	0	(highest number previously paid for) =	0.00	X \$18 = 0.00
Independent Claims:	2	-	3	(highest number previously paid for) =	0.00	X \$84 = 0.00
Correspondence Address:					Multiple Dependent Claim (add \$280.00):	
BACON & THOMAS, PLLC 625 Slaters Lane, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Alexandria, VA 22314-1176					Subtotal:	740.00
*23364*					50% Reduction if Small Entity Status:	
23364					Total:	740.00
PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE					Signature:	Reg. No.
Date:		Name:			<i>Richard E. Fichter</i>	26,382
August 22, 2003		Richard E. Fichter				

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